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In alphabetical order:

### **BUSH BALLAD**

A Mates Lament – Craig Wilson  
 Australia My Home – Katelann Greal  
 Black Cockatoo – Lloyd Back  
 Chasing Rabbits In Her Sleep – Terry Bennetts  
 Dead Man's Hill – Peter Coad  
 Desert Blooming – Owen Smith  
 Country On Their Mind – Peter Simpson  
 Heroes of the Past – Kevin Sullivan  
 Higher Ground – Peter Campbell, Victoria Edwards  
 Kamikaze Kangaroo – Ruby Holden  
 Keep on Riding – Sandy Louise, Shaun O'Friel  
 Living In The Lucky Country – Stanley Lenz  
 My Country My Australia – Kathy Carver, Clem O'Dea  
 Paddocks of Yellow – Ian Dencker  
 Real Big Scrub – Matthew Carey  
 Singer of Renown – Len Conner, Colin Fraser  
 St Andrews Hotel – Dusty Starr  
 Take Me Back There – Jeanie Cuskelly  
 The Ballard of Jimmy Porter – Russell Leeming  
 This Old Wagon – Garry Jones  
 Trains Don't Come Here Anymore – Jeannie Kleynhans  
 Uluru – Clayton Saunders  
 We Need It Here In This Town – Michael Craig  
 Where Kilometres Turn Into Miles – Graeme Clark  
 Wild Colonial Boys – Brendan McMahon

### **COUNTRY BLUES**

Don't Count Me Out – Dominique Maurice  
 Don't Walk Away – Megan Jane Ashley  
 Electric Skyline – Miranda Nagy  
 Everybody Knows Your Name – Lucie Tiger O'Connor  
 Fear The Future – Darrin Truran, Aaron Frost  
 Festival Blues – Peter Campbell  
 Fitzroy River Blues – Stanley Lenz  
 Forked Tongue Blues – Miranda Nagy

Help Me Baby – Brendan McMahon  
It's Called Love....It's Called The Blues – Aiden Boak, Kai Boak, Allan Caswell, Kim Ferguson  
Million Grey Pieces – Jaci Elliott  
Red Dirt Heart – Jax de Celis  
Redwood Leaves – Jo Caseley, Syd Green  
Road Trip – Jeannie Kleynhans  
Segregation Blues – Peter Campbell  
Singing The Blues – Sandy Louise, Cheryl Van Der Velden  
The Highway Man – Paul White, Craig Pinkney, Susan Bluck, Mick Burn, Bob Greaves  
The Pavement is My Bed – Antonio Nero  
Viking – Neil McCann, John Littrich

**COUNTRY ROCK**

Astronaut – Adam Dennis  
Backyard Barbie – Phillip Doring, Gavin Fitzgerald, Russell Perrott  
Blackfire – Kate (Dunn) Ballantyne, Indea Foreacre  
Collide – Shanleigh Carey  
Drive – Savannah Sharpe  
Get What You Believe – Umberto Giancristofaro  
Gone Away – Dane Owen  
Head Above Water – Katelann Greal  
Hell or Highwater – Sandy Louise McNaughton  
Hold You Up – Jonah James  
I Don't Miss That Woman – Kai Boak, Allan Caswell, Aiden Boak, Kim Ferguson  
I'm Ready – Michelle Little Lyn Bowtell  
In Case You Didn't Know It – Jacqueline (Jax) de Celis  
It's Hell No – Dominique Maurice  
I've Got Your Back – Craig Campbell, Michael Sims, William Ashworth  
Just One Minute – Ian Burns  
Keep A Little Faith – Paul White, Craig Pinkney, Mick Burn, Susan Bluck, Bert Giancristafaro  
Leave A Light On – Nicole Bylund  
Let Love Be Love – Greg McInnes  
Like An Old Friend – Georgia Rose Donachie, Kelly Brouhaha  
Living In My Shed – Peter Campbell  
Losin You – Craig Campbell, Michael Sims, William Ashworth  
Love This Life – Jeanie Cuskelly  
Make My Way – Amber Kenny, Lyn Bowtell  
Never Coming Back Again – Mark Rigney  
Out On The Clay – Peter Campbell  
Over By The Summer – Tilly Rose Bosworth, Paul Ray  
Pink Is My Colour – Coral Renee  
Romantic Side – Aiden Boak, Allan Caswell, Kai Boak, Kim Ferguson  
She Believes – Robert (Bob) Derschow  
Solid Ground – Lindsay Waddington  
Speed Humps – Brendan McMahon  
Tequila Talking – Lucie Tiger O'Connor  
That Old Life – Catherine Lehen, Michael Lehen, Lachlan Bryan  
Tommy's Gold – Matt Scullion  
Two Feet – Sally Pottinger  
Up On The Row – Pat Kenny  
Valleys Of Your Mind – Stephen Jackson, Richard Cooke

**GOSPEL SPIRITUAL**

Below An Open Sky – Brendon Walmsley

Broken – Brendon Walmsley, Merelyn Carter, David Carter  
 Driving Away – Gemma Filewood  
 God Loves Country Music – Brendon Walmsley  
 He's Got The Whole World – Brendon Walmsley, Colin Buchanan  
 I Believe – Gemma Filewood  
 Heaven Someday – Katelann Grealy, Ruby Jane Sherriff  
 Home – Greg McInnes, Ashleigh Dallas  
 One Love – Linda Milne  
 Sitting On Empty – Peter Shurley  
 The River is Risin' – Kerrie Gambley  
 Universal Love – Holly Lee Jones  
 What Would I Say To Jesus – Tina Pettaras  
 Who's That Walking On The Water – Peter Shurley  
 You Felt Like Home -Sandy Louise McNaughton

### **LOCAL HEROES & EVENTS**

Baby Goanna – Paul Ricketts, Lindsay Waddington  
 Behind the Scenes – Lloyd Back, Lindsay Waddington  
 Betty's Song – Shanleigh Carey  
 Captain Starlight -Jeannie Kleynhans, Stewart Porter  
 Country Music Man – Rodney Vincent, Michael Cristiano  
 Dry River – Slim Dusty Sings to Me – Bill Marsh  
 Emily Smith -Neil McCann, John Littrich  
 If He Could Talk – Wendy Wood  
 Johnny Gibson Was A Friend Of Mine – Alan Gilmour, Shirl Llewellyn  
 Local Hero – Peter Campbell, Brendan Smoother, Dan Murphy  
 Mickey Brennan's Lament – Neil McCann, John Littrich  
 My Old Man – Craig Wilson  
 One Hundred Thousand Migrants – Marion Shilo  
 Our Fallen Heroes – Brian Murray, Jean Murray  
 Rodeo Rider From the Scrub – Michael Craig  
 Smoke Filled Skies –Sandy Louise McNaughton  
 The Boy From Birchip – Matt Scullion  
 The Horses Stay Behind (One Last Ride) – Kerrie Gambley  
 The Piano Player – Kevin Sullivan  
 The Voyage of Flinders, Bungaree and Trim – Wayne Horne, Mick Melit, Paul Carmody  
 True Blue Aussie Son – Lance Birrell

### **NOVICE**

A Mates Lament – Craig Wilson  
 Call Me A Soldier – Michael Ryan  
 Dancing Out of Time – Craig Wilson  
 Demons – Craig Wilson  
 Dusty Hill – Josephine Lemon, Ian Hallett  
 Every Road Leads To You – Josephine Lemon, Ian Hallett  
 Goodbye Tula – Craig Wilson, Maria Kelsall  
 Good Ol Country Boy – Ralph Mills  
 High Country Hero – Joy Hendon  
 It Took Me By Surprise – Craig Wilson  
 I Love You – Josephine Lemon, Ian Hallett  
 My Old Man – Craig Wilson  
 On My Way – Josephine Lemon, Ian Hallett  
 Real Big Scrub – Matthew Carey

Replay – Lucy Watson  
Road Maps and Detours – Craig Wilson  
Singer of Renown – Len Conner, Colin Fraser  
Still In Love – Guy Italiano  
Stockman's Pirouette – Joy Hendon  
This Canvas of Mine – Johnny Voegeler

**TRADITIONAL SECTION**

A Lonely Beach – Johnny Voegeler  
Always Ride A Train – Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell  
Ashes To Dust – Katelann Greal  
Auburn Sun – Owen Smith  
Behind the Scenes – Lloyd Back, Lindsay Waddington  
Blue Butterfly – Tina Pettaras  
Defining Moments – Shelly Jones, Lester Treuer  
Charlie Crow – Paul Ricketts, Lindsay Waddington  
Clouds Over Clonbinane – David Clements  
Cooladdi – Brendon Walmsley  
Country Music Man – Rodney Vincent, Michael Cristiano  
Eyre Highway Track -Kathy Carver  
Famous For Being Famous – Peter Campbell  
Golden Handcuffs – Matt Scullion  
Heartbeat Of Australia – Shaza Leigh Butler  
If He Could Talk – Wendy Wood  
It's Called A Break Up Cause It's Broken – Wendy Wood  
Leave a Light on – Nicole Bylund  
Little White Dress – Danita Harris  
Mary McGee – Mark Rigney  
Mickey Brennan's Lament – Neil McCann, John Littrich  
Mountain Man – Darrin Truran  
Murrurundi Royal Hotel – Kathy Coleman  
Outback Ball – Brendan McMahon  
Redwood Leaves – Jo Caseley, Syd Green  
Riverbank Red – Lawrie Minson, Matt Scullion  
Road To Riverleigh – Brendon Walmsley  
Road Maps and Detours – Craig Wilson  
Saltbush Sally – Alice Benfer, Sam Hawksley  
Sit 'Round the Table – Beth Compton  
The Grey Nomads – Stanley Lenz  
The Highland Life – Kylie Adams-Collier  
The Horses Stay Behind (One Last Ride) – Kerrie Gambley  
The Jacaranda Tree – Dianne Coombes  
The Longest Country Mile – Alan Gilmour  
The Old Condamine – Virginia Hermel  
They Built It On A Dream – Peter McDonald  
The Window Seat – Savannah Sharpe, Lyn Bowtell  
This Drought Won't Break Me – Garry Jones  
Threeways – Kevin Sullivan  
Wildflowers On The Outback – Alice Benfer, Gregory M Dillon  
Workin' Folks – Catherine Lehn, Michael Lehn

**YOUTH SECTION**

Bloody Hands – Ellerie-Rose Armstrong-Kearns  
Graveyard – Tilly Rose Bosworth

I Thought I Had It All Figured Out – Lucy Beveridge  
 Little Deer – Lucy Beveridge  
 Movie Of Us – Aaliah Skuse, Regan Farrell  
 Sammy – Ellerie-Rose Armstrong-Kearns  
 Waiting On The Rain – Jack Gregory  
 When You Learn To Let Go – Lucy Beveridge

#### **ALT SECTION (BALLAD/ROCK)**

A Little Less – Tilly Rose Bosworth, Jay Santilli  
 Autumn Baby – Becci Nethery  
 Behind Closed Doors – Shaza Leigh, Kat  
 Crimson – Shanleigh Carey  
 Cut Green – Leigh Wilkinson, Diana Davis  
 Devil's Telephone – Lucie Tiger O'Connor  
 Did We Quit Too Soon – Tina Pettaras  
 Faces At The Races – Bennie Bishop  
 Fools Rush In – Sandy Louise, Campbell Fry  
 Gravity – Crystal Robins  
 Hearts Drawn in the Sand – Dianne Coombes  
 I Thought I Had It All Figured Out – Lucy Beveridge  
 I Love You, Did You Know That? – Becci Nethery, Mary VI Harrison  
 Let's Get Crazy – Brendan McMahon, Felicity Urquhart  
 Livin A Country Song – Jackson Renshaw, Brendon Warmesley  
 Looking Out My Window – Steve Jackson, Richard Cooke  
 Love Like Me – Robert Derschow  
 Ornaments – Tamsin Lancaster, Max Jackson  
 Prayin' Courage – Amber Kenny, Lyn Bowtell  
 Psycho – Tamsin Lancaster, Nick Zaharias  
 Ripples On a Pond – Dianne Coombes  
 Rumours – Shanleigh Carey, Riley Carey  
 Small Town with a Big Heart – Dianne Coombes, Angus Gill  
 Start Again – Pat Kenny, Kelsey Berrington  
 Stay For One More – Michael Ferguson  
 Storytellers – Bruce Mackay, Anthony Snape  
 Sweet Summer – Kate (Dunn) Ballantyne, Melody Pool  
 The Catch – John Stokes  
 The Rain Is Steady – Abigail Wighton  
 The Roustabout – Bruce Mackay, Anthony Snape  
 Warrior – Kate (Dunn) Ballantyne, Sandy Summers, Angela Easson  
 We Feel The Fire – Dusty Starr  
 Wildflowers – Ian Burns, Lyn Bowtell  
 Wild For The Country – Susan Muranty, Elizabeth Usher

#### **LYRICS SECTION**

Another Piece of You – Kathleen (Kath) Stewart  
 Australia Has It All – Colin Fraser  
 Bigger Than Texas – Matthew Carey  
 Bush Lemon Love – Alice Benfer  
 Can't Hold Onto Time – Russell Leeming  
 Carved In Time – Alice Benfer, Sam Hawksley  
 Coober Pedy – Kupa Piti – Terry Bennetts  
 Down Through The Seasons – Alice Benfer, Brendan Smoother  
 Each Time His Lid Was Doffed – Kevin Pye  
 Half Metal, Half Memory – Shebie King

Heroes of the Highway – Kathleen (Kath) Stewart  
Holding Horses For The Farrier – Natasha Van de Kaa  
I'm Coming Home – Mark Rigney  
It's Just A Matter When – Kevin Pye  
It All Comes Back to Me – Kevin Pye  
It Takes All Night – Marion Shilo  
Kelly Dixon – Kevin Pye  
Macca Was a Good One – Kevin Pye  
Old Bill – Christine Eccleston  
Rain Will Fall – Dianne Coombes  
Take It From Here – Christine Eccleston  
The Ballad of Cathryn Jean – Kathleen (Kath) Stewart, Anne Fraser  
The Bugle In His Mind – Kathleen (Kath) Stewart, Christine Eccleston  
The Causeway – Diana Davis  
The Soldiers Battle – Colin Fraser  
This Old Dog of Mine – Kevin Pye  
Train Bound For Nowhere – Shebie King  
Pretty Sally Behind The Bar – Christine Eccleston  
Territory Kiss – Christine Eccleston  
When I Wear That Hat – Lloyd Back  
Who'll Sing Australia Now – Brooke Seabrook

#### **OPEN SECTION**

Amends – Amber Kenny, Jane Bach, Alyssa Trahan  
A New Era – Sandy Louise McNaughton, Michele Anne Heatherington  
Blackfire Hill – Mark Rigney  
Come Out, Come Out – Neil McCann, John Littrich  
Harvest Moon – Lucie Tiger O'Connor, Mark Narmore, Stephanie C. Brown  
I've Already Fallen – Wendy Wood  
Love Can Fool You – Ava Bizzanelli, Allan Caswell  
Moth To A Flame – Ava Bizzanelli  
My Love, He Drives The Nullabor Tonight – Wendy Wood  
Shelter – Neil McCann, John Littrich  
Side of My Heart – Ava Bizzanelli  
Skin And Bones – Janine Garvey, Eric Collier  
Something We Know – Alice Cotton, David Garnham  
Stars – Neil McCann, John Littrich  
Storytellers – Bruce Mackay, Anthony Snape  
Sweet – Beth Compton  
The Roustabout – Bruce Mackay, Anthony Snape  
Upper Class Bogan – Owen Smith, Matt Scullion  
Whatever Floats Your Boat – Shelly Jones, Lester Treuer  
What I Deserved – Beth Compton

#### **TSA NEW SONGWRITER**

Barefoot On The Dirt – Paul Ricketts  
Beautiful Girl – Tina Pettaras  
Change – Linda Mizzi  
Faces at the Races – Bennie Bishop  
Flowers – Crystal Robins  
I Feel You – Gabriella Forman  
Let Him Go – Linda Mizzi  
Masquerade – Coral Renee

Stay For One More – Michael Ferguson  
Till The End Of The Night – Jax Tonic, Michael Carpenter  
Two Feet – Sally Pottinger  
Sister – Amber Kenny, Syd Green  
Take Me Back – Iain Mumford  
That'll Do Me Just Fine – Darren Gillis  
Two Dollar Lair – Colin Fraser  
Vase – Tamsin Lancaster  
Waiting On The Rain – Jack Gregory  
Whisper Through the Trees – Johnny Voegeler



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